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*Whereas, The utility industry provides electric, natural gas, telecommunications, and water and wastewater services to residential, commercial, and industrial customers in Indiana;*

*Whereas, Utility services are vital to the health, safety, and economic well-being of Hoosiers;*

*Whereas, The Indiana Code states, "Every utility is required to furnish reasonably adequate services and facilities";*

*Whereas, The utility industry is in a state of reorganization and consolidation;*

*Whereas, The changes in the utility industry may detrimentally affect the ability of utilities to meet their statutory changes;*

*Whereas, The closures and relocation of customer service centers, maintenance divisions, and other utility operations places the public welfare at risk;*

*Whereas, Public utility holding companies own and operate numerous subsidiaries that are both regulated utilities and unregulated entities;*



*Whereas, Public utility holding companies in every sector of the utility industry are consolidating through mergers and acquisitions;*

*Whereas, The Indiana Supreme Court has held that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission does not have the authority to approve or reject a merger involving a public utility holding company operating a subsidiary utility within Indiana;*

*Whereas, Utility customers in Indiana have been and will be affected by the reorganization and consolidation of the utility industry; and*

*Whereas, Indiana law requires utility companies to provide adequate service at rates that are just and reasonable: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

- 1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly is concerned with
- 2       the consolidation and reorganization within the utility industry.
- 3       SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly opposes any action
- 4       by utility companies that places the public welfare at risk through
- 5       diminished quality of service.
- 6       SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 7       Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Chairman William
- 8       McCarty of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and to Anne
- 9       Becker, Utility Consumer Counselor.

